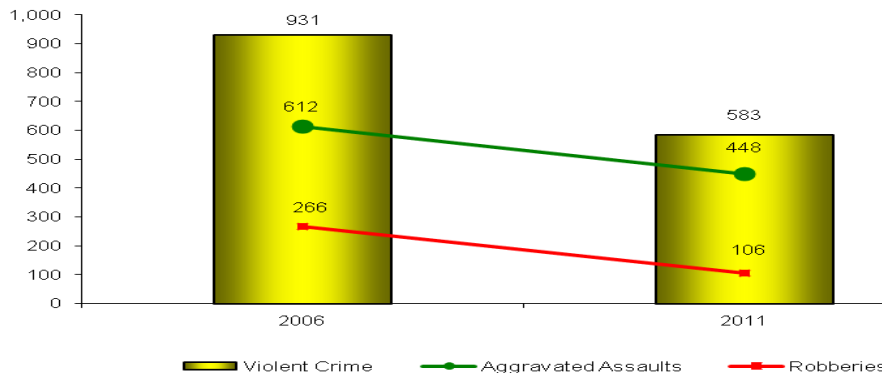


## Wicomico County

### Working to reduce violent crime in Maryland

Governor O'Malley's primary concern for the State of Maryland is to provide safety for its citizens. To date, Maryland has the lowest homicide and violent crime ever reported in the state. However, the real story can be told at the local level where the difficult work of addressing violent crime and supporting victims is done every day. Over the last 5 years, through unprecedented federal, state, and local law enforcement collaboration, Wicomico County has seen a significant 25.8% reduction in total crime, a 37.4% reduction in violent crime and a 23.3% reduction in property crime. In addition, there have been significant reduction in robberies (-60.2%), aggravated assaults (-26.8%), breaking & entering (-21.0%), larceny/thefts (-21.3%), and motor vehicle thefts (-57.0%).

Wicomico County Violent Crime Trends 2006 - 2011



### WICOMICO COUNTY MAKES AN IMPACT:

Now more than ever before, crime reduction depends on federal, state, and local collaboration. Real-time information sharing, more effective crime analysis, new technology, the strategic targeting of violent offenders, and improved community resources all contributed to Wicomico County's success.

Governor O'Malley's Office of Crime Control and Prevention is currently funding 23 grants in Wicomico County totaling \$1,861,218. As a result, Wicomico County has been able to implement successful crime fighting strategies such as:

- **Alternatives to Incarceration** – The Wicomico County Department of Corrections is provided grant support for alternatives to incarceration and/or fines for non-violent offenders and meets many community organizations' labor needs. The Community Corrections Officer coordinates work site assignments and supervises non-violent offenders who have received community service as a pre-trial diversion or a post trial sanction. This program addresses the needs of the criminal justice system, the defendant, and the citizens within the community.

#### Key Initiatives

- Heightened Supervision of Violent Offenders
- CompStat on Demand
- Crime Analysis
- Crime Mapping
- Safe Streets Initiative
- Firearms Training Simulator
- Alternatives to Incarceration
- Domestic Violence Crisis & Support Services
- Rape Crisis Intervention Services
- Gun-Related Crime Reduction
- Disproportionate Minority Contact Reduction
- Sex Offender Monitoring
- Victim Services

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#### WICOMICO COUNTY MAKES AN IMPACT:

- **Disproportionate Minority Contact Reduction-** The Wicomico County Board of Educations' Disproportionate Minority Contact Reduction Initiative targets youth in the juvenile justice system on probation and at-risk of out-of-home placement. The initiative supports a DMC steering committee and collaboration with the Department of Juvenile Services to identify decision points that adversely impact minorities, assist with the development of a uniform data collection system, and implement strategies and policies regarding DMC for African American and Hispanic populations.
- **Firearms Training Simulator** - Wor-Wic Community College's Criminal Justice Academy Technology Improvement program supports the replacement of an outdated, malfunctioning firearms training simulator at the Academy to ensure that new police recruits, officers in comparative compliance training, and other in service officers have the technology required to earn and maintain accredited certification.
- **Victim Services** - The Wicomico County Department of Social Services S.A.R.A.H's house assesses allegations of child maltreatment in the county using a multi-disciplinary team approach. The program provides crisis intervention, and assessments of child maltreatment including both physical and sexual abuse, child neglect, and mental injury. In addition, the program provides therapeutic counseling and advocacy to victims of child abuse.
- **Sex Offender Monitoring** – Wicomico County Sheriff's Office Monitoring Support Program tracks the compliance of local sex offenders who are required to register/re-register with the Maryland Sex Offender Registry. This program assigns a Deputy Sheriff to ensure sex offenders are compliant, which benefits the citizens of Wicomico County.

*"Wicomico County is using a multi-faceted approach to fight crime. It uses the Violence Prevention Initiative aggressively pursue the most violent offenders in the county, while heightened technology helps the county map crime and reduce auto theft."*

Governor Martin O'Malley

